

VISITATION PARISH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 30, 2024



OUR MISSION

Visitation, a community of communities, is committed to a way of life based on Christ's teaching and our Catholic tradition by being dedicated to life-long conversion in faith, healing sanctuary in our sacraments and relationships, an educational environment for our children which emphasizes Catholic values and is committed to excellence, awareness and responsiveness to the needs of our neighbors and our society.

M A S S E S

Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
 Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
 Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- ◆ Robert & Margaret Behrens
- ◆ Michael Florez & Connie Tinoco and son James
- ◆ Bridgie Auckland & Charlie LaBarr
- ◆ Justin & Ali Begnaud and children, Bonnie, Buster & Hank
- ◆ Joy May
- ◆ Casey Easley & Kevin Keller
- ◆ Tanner Robl & Sadie Laughlin

GREETER TRAINING

We will be having training for new greeters on Sunday, July 14 after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. For those who are interested in this ministry, please email Janet Ridder at janet@church.visitation.org. If this training time does not work for you - please reach out so we know of

THE 2024 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be celebrated on August 25 at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop Johnston. Please contact Joni at 816-753-7422 in the parish office if you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024.



ROSARY FOR THE SICK
IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL
AT 8:00 PM.
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Jeanne Lendabarker
Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
Marianne Carl	Tim McNamara
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Thom McNamara
Joanne Comiskey	Tricia Melland
Laura Fitzpatrick	Peggy Pruitt
Bill Fuss	Ellie Rose
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Kathy Scaglia
Margaret Howard	Barbara Schulte
Joe Irwin	Aimee Sesler
William Jewell	Sandra Sharp
Erin Kallman	Special Intention
Peg Kallman	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Bryan Larson	Dave Wittrock
	Leigh Ann Zeller

SICK LIST UPDATE

Contact Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Master Sergeant Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 6
On Alert: Team # 7

THEATRE AT VIS - SAVE THE DATE!

Annie

PERFORMANCE DATES:

THURSDAY, JULY 25 AT 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 26 AT 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 27 AT 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 28 AT 1:00 PM

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE AT VISITATION SCHOOL

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

One of the ministries that unfolds daily in our office is emergency assistance for people in need. Karen Miller, who directs our Social Concerns Ministry, does a fantastic job meeting people with reverence and respect, and providing assistance in the name of Visitation Parish. In addition, parishioners involved in our St. Vincent de Paul ministry also work directly and generously with the poor, seeking to address immediate needs and help people find the long-term path out of poverty. We also support other ministries and service organizations in our area through an annual parish tithe of 5%. In many constructive and significant ways, our parish puts the Gospel into action.



I tell you this because I realize there are times people wait outside the church on weekends asking for money. Because our parish does so much for people in need, day in and day out, I direct them to call or visit the parish office for assistance rather than give them cash in the moment. I know they will be met with care and respect, and that we will do whatever we can through Social Concerns or St. Vincent de Paul. You can also suggest they call the United Way helpline (211). They offer assistance with food, housing, clothing and other basic needs. So there are some options. You are, of course, free to give directly if you wish, but it does encourage return visits. Just know that Visitation does embody the care of the Good Samaritan in various ways each day, and that your tithe is a part of that.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

ABOUT TOWN

2024 DRIVING FOR HOPE FOR HOPE

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE
JULY 15TH



DRIVING FOR HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT – BENEFITTING CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities invite you to join them on July 15 at Lakewood Oaks Golf Course.

Purchase a team of four and invite your priest to join you! More information to come: <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/drivingforhope/>

RACIAL JUSTICE

A Message from Fr. Greg regarding the Cristo Rey Intern Program

Dear Parishioners,

We have the opportunity once again this year to welcome Cristo Rey interns to Visitation School. For the past several years, we have enjoyed the presence of student interns, most of whom endeavor to teach someday. And as it is a valuable opportunity for the interns to begin teaching, it is also a tremendous blessing to our school community. To expand our community and open our doors ever wider enriches what we all know, experience and cherish. Our kids encounter dedicated young people from other parts of town working diligently toward their future, and the ministry of Catholic education becomes all the richer for it. As Cassie & Sean Flanagan write, *“A successful community requires the participation and collaboration of all of its unique parts. We should strive to learn from and support each other. Cristo Rey’s Work Study program provides an important opportunity to help students at both Visitation and Cristo Rey grow to be the uplifting and contributing community members we need for the future.”* Such a partnership brings us closer to the Reign of God.

I invite you to contribute generously to support this mutually beneficial program. Our goal is to fund it fully in the amount of \$30,000. Visitation has supported this opportunity so eagerly and heartily in the past. I hope you will be able to contribute once again so as to make our school, Cristo Rey School, our parish and our diocese rich and diverse places where the Gospel comes to life!

Peace,
Fr. Greg



To contribute:

- Visit our online giving page at <https://tinyurl.com/visgiving> and enter your donation amount on the Cristo Rey line under Other Contributions.
- Send/drop off a check made payable to Visitation Parish with “Cristo Rey” in the memo line.

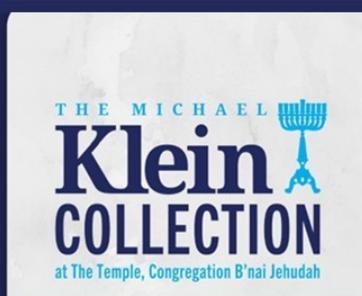
SOCIAL CONCERNS

VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

As we await Della Lamb's news of a match for the Visitation Community, please consider adding your name to the pool of drivers who will assist the VRAC committee with transportation for the family to medical and cultural appointments. The majority of these appointments will happen in the first few months after their arrival. If you can help, please email Mike and Julie Morrand at jgmorrand@yahoo.com or text them at 913-558-8825. Please continue to watch the bulletin for news of the family and their arrival information. Thank you for your prayers!



FAITH FORMATION



THE VISITATION FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS

Sunday, July 14, 2024

12:30 p.m. Tour of Judaica

Temple B'nai Jehudah 12320 Nall Ave. OPKS

The collection includes historical objects spanning centuries and continents and is among the largest and most diverse collections of its kind in the United States.

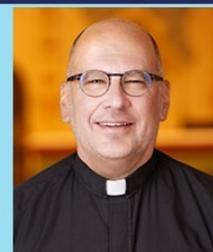


Space is limited. Only 6 spots still available. Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office or at Teresa@church.visitation.org.

- ◇ Can't join the tour on July 14? Contact Teresa to be put on a waiting list for the next scheduled tour in August.
- ◇ Or, do you have a group of 10-15 family, friends, Scouts or Small Group members interested in the tour? Let the Faith Formation Team facilitate this opportunity for you!

Here is what Fr. Greg had to say about the tour...

"I was inspired by the extent and the beauty of the collection, and the significant role of artistic expression in Jewish spirituality. I also appreciate more deeply how our own Catholic spirituality has roots in the Jewish tradition, using concrete signs, symbols and other visuals to embody and communicate the invisible mystery of faith. The diversity of this collection underlines how Jewish faith is integrated into every aspect of life, something we as Catholics also promote, believe and cherish."



LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH FORMATION AT VIS

WWW.VISONMAINKC.COM

JUNE IS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Notice the orange lights in our courtyard and illuminating our Mass times sign! Orange is the color for Gun Violence Awareness and you can join us in raising awareness by lighting your home in orange, wearing orange this weekend or by praying for victims of gun violence. Learn more at www.wearorange.org.

USCCB Letter to Congress on Gun Violence, June 3, 2022.

"For many years, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has supported a number of reasonable measures to address the problem of gun violence and continues to support efforts by the U.S. Congress to advance these policies in legislation." Learn more at www.USCCB.org



God, our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and some in our nation respond by arming themselves with more guns with greater capacity to end life. Our disconnection and alienation has caused some to turn to guns for protection and safety. We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness, and turn us away from violence toward peace. Help us to transform our own hearts and to seek peaceful ways of resolving our differences. Let our hands reach out and connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear, and those suffering from mental illness. Let our voices be raised asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable. Let our pens write messages demanding change while also scripting words of hope and transformation. We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace. *Amen*

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

SOCIAL CONCERNS

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Please join our gardeners as they tend to the summer garden. **Volunteers should arrive at 9:00 am on Saturdays and can stay as long as they are able. Any assistance you can provide is helpful!** The garden is in full swing with spring planting having been completed. We need regular teams of people for watering and tilling. If you are interested in helping with our community garden at St. Francis Xavier, please contact Alison Dudley at 816-914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.



FINANCIAL



May Contribution Income exceeded budget by \$8,875 or 3.97%, as a result of timing differences in the giving patterns of our parishioners.

Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees, surpassed budget by \$10,977 primarily due to tuition timing, bringing our Total Operating Monthly Income to a budget surplus to \$19,852.

Parish expenses in May were under budget by \$31,465. This was fueled primarily by timing in Visitation's Social Concerns allocations to other organizations. The combined effects of the items discussed above generated a Parish Net budget surplus of \$51,317 for the month of May.

	Month of May 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 235,910	\$ 227,034	\$ 8,875
Other Income	\$ 39,134	\$ 28,157	\$ 10,977
Total Operating Income	\$ 275,043	\$ 255,191	\$ 19,852
Operating Expense	\$ 418,268	\$ 449,733	\$ 31,465
		\$	
Net	\$ (143,225)	\$ (194,542)	\$ 51,317

	Fiscal YTD (July-May)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 4,132,525	\$ 3,955,980	\$ 176,545
Other Income	\$ 1,232,657	\$ 1,124,591	\$ 108,066
Total Operating Income	\$ 5,365,183	\$ 5,080,571	\$ 284,611
Operating Expense	\$ 5,080,391	\$ 4,870,842	\$ (209,548)
Net	\$ 284,792	\$ 209,729	\$ 75,063

	Fiscal YTD This	Fiscal YTD Last	Difference
	Year	Year	
Contribution Income	\$ 4,132,525	\$ 3,926,870	\$ 205,655
Other Income	\$ 1,232,657	\$ 1,709,033	\$ (476,375)
Total Operating Income	\$ 5,365,183	\$ 5,635,903	\$ (270,720)
Operating Expense	\$ 5,080,391	\$ 4,871,168	\$ (209,222)
Net	\$ 284,792	\$ 764,735	\$ (479,943)

Overall, the same conditions are reflected in the year-to-date financial results. Contribution Income has exceeded budget by \$176,545, or 4.5%. Other Income is ahead of budget by 9.61% or \$108,066, leaving an Operating Income budget surplus of \$284,611. Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, now exceed budget by \$209,548, or 2.5%, generating a parish net operating budget surplus of \$75,063.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2023/2024 surpassed last year's results by \$205,655, while other income was short by \$476,375 creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$270,720. It should be noted that the difference in other income, is because PTO contributed all the excess money in their account received from previous years in 2022. Parish Expenses were higher than last year by \$209,222 for a net budget shortfall of \$479,943.

Thank you for your continued support.

Isaac Uzcanga
Business Manager

We need help this summer!

**NURSERY
AVAILABLE
THIS WEEK!**



**Every Sunday
at 10:30 mass**

Tighe Hall

Volunteers needed!

Must be Virtus trained

If you are a virtus-trained adult or a student who would like to volunteer in the nursery this summer, [please sign up here](#).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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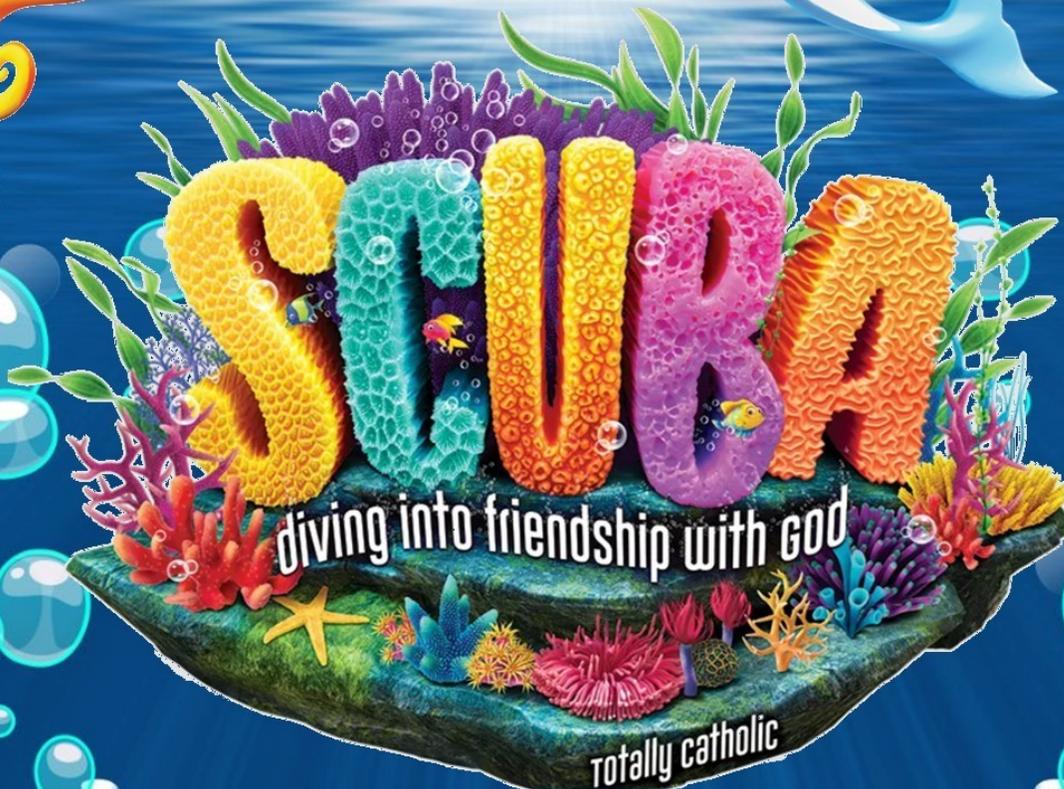
QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE CO-DIRECTORS:

NICOLE CRAIG— NICOLEBCRAIG@GMAIL.COM

TRACY VALENTI— TERWIN308@YAHOO.COM



REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!



JULY 22-25, 2024

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.